



OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE : June 9, 2008

TO : Council President Scott Peters & Honorable Members of the  
San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment and Reappointment to the Civil Service Commission

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It is my pleasure to appoint Mattheus Stephens and reappoint Kathryn Ashworth to the Civil Service Commission, subject to your confirmation.

Mattheus Stephens, Esq., is an Attorney and Partner of Stock Stephens, LLP, a boutique law firm where he specializes in general civil litigation with an emphasis in employment law, business litigation, unregistered domestic partner dissolutions, and legal malpractice (claims and defense). With more than 18 years experience in civil litigation, Mr. Stephens has experienced all aspects of litigation including intake, litigation, settlement, mediation, arbitration, and trial. In addition to Mr. Stephens' current practice, he teaches introductory law courses at the University of California, San Diego, and has served as a San Diego Superior Court Judge Pro Tem since 1999. Mr. Stephens co-established Stock Stephens in 1999, after working as a Sole Practitioner from 1997-1999 for the Law Offices of M.E. Stephens. Previously, Mr. Stephens was an Associate for Post Kirby Noonan & Sweat, LLP, from 1994-1997, and Gray Cary Ames & Frye from 1990-1994. He also taught constitutional law-related courses as an Adjunct Professor at the California Western School of Law from 1998-2004. Mr. Stephens received his Juris Doctorate degree from Rutgers University School of Law in 1990 and is the recipient of various moot court competition awards. He also served on the Editorial Advisory Board for *San Diego Lawyer Magazine* from 2004-2007.

For many years, Mr. Stephens has dedicated his time, talents, and expertise to serving the community, and he continues to be passionate about human relations, appreciating diversity, and advancing justice, fairness, and equal opportunities for all. From 1996-2002, Mr. Stephens served on the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission, and he served on the Board of Directors for the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial Counties from 1999-2005. Mr. Stephens is also a Founding Member and Past

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Board Member of the Public Policy Department of the San Diego LGBT Community Center, and Founding Board Member and Past Co-President of the Tom Homann Law Association. Mr. Stephen's advocacy and community service efforts have been acknowledged by various civic and professional groups and associations. In 2001, Mr. Stephens received the Outstanding Service to the Community Award from the San Diego County Bar Association, and was the recipient of the San Diego Democratic Club's Gloria Steinem Communications Award in 2000. Mr. Stephens was nominated by Councilmember Toni Atkins and resides in Talmadge. He is replacing Norman Seltzer, who has resigned, for a term ending January 9, 2009.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and reappointment and join me in acknowledging these individuals for their willingness to give of their time and serve the City of San Diego.



JERRY SANDERS  
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre  
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland

**Mattheus E. Stephens, Esq.**

Mattheus E. Stephens is a partner in the San Diego law firm Stock Stephens, LLP. In addition to being a Lecturer at the University of California, San Diego, where he teaches three introductory law courses, Matt specializes in general civil litigation and handles a wide range of cases with an emphasis on employment issues, business disputes, and unregistered domestic partner dissolutions.

Matt earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, in 1990, where he won the Advanced Moot Court competition and represented Rutgers on its National Moot Court team. He started his law career at Gray Cary Ames & Frye (now DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary) in 1990 as a commercial litigation associate. Matt now combines the practice of law with community service work, which includes being a founding member and former Co-President of the Tom Homann Law Association, San Diego's LGBT Bar Association. Matt is a Champion of Pride, winner of the Gloria Steinem Communications Award and the SDCBA Community Service Award. He is a founding member of the Public Policy Department and former member of the Board of Directors of the LGBT Community Center. He also served on the ACLU Board of Directors for San Diego and Imperial Counties; is a former Chair of the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission; and, currently serves as a Pro Tem Judge in Small Claims Court.

Matt has served as a Panelist on Transgender Issues at Scripps/Mercy Hospital; presented "Insights" for the San Diego County Bar Association about Transgender issues and has received numerous awards and recognitions such as: San Diego County Bar Association Award for Outstanding Service to the Community; Pro Bono Publico Distinguished Service Award from the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program; San Diego Democratic Club Special Recognition Award; Certificate of Special Commendation from the Human Relations Commission; State Bar of California Access and Fairness Committee 2002 Diversity Award Nominee; Certificate of Recognition from the Tom Homann Law Association; and, University of California, Office of Chancellor and Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Issues for Incredible Dedication to UCSD Community for Social Justice Issues.

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## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

1. CERTIFICATE NUMBER  
(FOR AUDITOR'S USE ONLY)

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TO:

CITY ATTORNEY

2. FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT):

MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

3. DATE:

6/12/08

4. SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

5. PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, &amp; MAIL STA.)

Lisa Gordon MS11A, 67740

6. SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, &amp; MAIL STA.)

Jaymie Bradford MS 11A, 36588

7. CHECK BOX IF REPORT TO COUNCIL IS ATTACHED



## 8. COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES

FUND					9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / ESTIMATED COST:
DEPT.					
ORGANIZATION					
OBJECT ACCOUNT					
JOB ORDER					
C.I.P. NUMBER					
AMOUNT					

## 10. ROUTING AND APPROVALS

ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
1	ORIG. DEPT /LG	<i>L. Gordon</i>	6/12/08	8	DEPUTY CHIEF/KM	<i>[Signature]</i>	6/24/08
2	AUDITOR			9	COO		
3				10	CITY ATTORNEY	<i>[Signature]</i>	6/27/08
4	CFO			11	ORIG. DEPT/ COUNCIL LIAISON/JB	<i>[Signature]</i>	6/24/08
5					DOCKET COORD: _____	COUNCIL LIAISON _____	
6					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SPOB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADOPTION	
7					<input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO: _____	COUNCIL DATE: 7/15/08	

11. PREPARATION OF:

☒ RESOLUTIONS☐ ORDINANCE(S)☐ AGREEMENT(S)☐ DEED(S)

Appointing Mattheus Stephens, replacing Norman Seltzer, who has resigned, for a term ending January 9, 2009;  
Reappointing Kathryn Ashworth for a term expiring January 9, 2013. Please see Mayor Sanders' June 9, 2008  
nominating memorandum which is attached.

11A. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Ratify nominations as submitted.

12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION.)

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): Kathryn Ashworth-Council District 2, Mattheus Stephens-Council District 3COMMUNITY AREA(S): Kathryn Ashworth resides in Point Loma; and Mattheus Stephens resides in TalmadgeENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: N/AHOUSING IMPACT: N/AOTHER ISSUES: N/A

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DOCKET SUPPORTING INFORMATION  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE:

6/12/08

SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT & REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

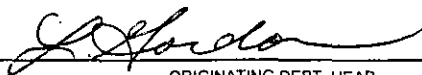
BACKGROUND:

Please see attached nominating memorandum from Mayor Jerry Sanders dated June 9, 2008.

BY LINE: (MAYOR / DEPT. HEAD / AUTHOR INITIALS)

JS/LG

SIGNATURES:



ORIGINATING DEPT. HEAD

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MAYOR  
(FOR MAYORAL DEPARTMENTS ONLY)

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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-\_\_\_\_\_


DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the appointment and reappointment by the Mayor of the City of San Diego, to serve as members of the Civil Service Commission, for the term ending as indicated, be and the same is hereby confirmed:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM ENDING</u>
Mattheus Stephens (Talmadge, District 3) (Replacing Norman Seltzer, who has resigned)	January 9, 2009
Kathryn Ashworth (Point Loma, District 2) (Reappointment)	January 9, 2013

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By



Sharon B. Spivak  
Deputy City Attorney

SBS:als  
06/27/08  
Or.Dept:Mayor  
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor